

The Town Board of the Town of Rock adopted
the following ordinance June 4, 1990.

ORDINANCE NO. 902
TOWN OF ROCK
COUNTY OF ROCK
STATE OF WISCONSIN

The Town Board of the Town of Rock, Rock County, Wisconsin, does ordain the following: An ordinance to establish a uniform and unique rural numbering system for the Town of Rock and to provide for the administration, control, and enforcement of the established system.

ORDINANCE NO. 902 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ROCK, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN, IS HEREBY CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Building Numbering System: The Town Board of the Town of Rock does hereby establish a uniform and unique rural numbering system for the Town of Rock. The building numbering system shall utilize a grid system and extend the City of Janesville's address system, north, south, east and west over the rural areas of the Town of Rock in accordance with the Rock County Address Plan dated March 24, 1988. The following north-south and east-west base lines are hereby established for the grid system: State Highway 11 West to Footville and thence following the township line to the edge of the county and County MM east will serve as the east-west base line. U.S. Highway 51 north and County G south will serve as the north-south base line. Address numbers will originate at the base lines and extend north, south, east and west assigning 1,000 numbers to every mile, or 100 numbers to every 528 feet. Each hundred series of numbers will originate at the nearest section or quarter section line. Individual address numbers will be assigned at 22 foot intervals from the nearest hundred marks. Even numbers will be assigned to the north and west sides of roads and odd numbers will be assigned to the south and east sides of roads. On unplatted land the numbers shall be assigned at the intersection of the centerline of the driveway and the right-of-way of the public road. On platted land the number shall be assigned at the center of the front lot line. The grid system based upon the City of Janesville's address system shall be applied to all properties located within the municipal limits of the Town of Rock. Vanity addresses shall be prohibited unless the address number fits into the applicable address system.

Section II. Building Numbering Administration: The numbering system established by this ordinance shall be supervised by the Town Board of the Town of Rock and administered by either the Building Inspection Department of the City of Janesville or the Rock County Planning and Development Agency subject to the following provisions:

- A. Either the Building Inspection Department of the City of Janesville or the Rock County Planning and Development Agency shall maintain a master index of all numbers. The number assigned to the property, the location of the property, the road name, section, quarter section, town, whether the parcel of land has been created by a Certified Survey Map or is a lot in

a recorded plat and the lot number and the survey map number (or the subdivision name) must be included in the master index.

- B. An official number map shall be prepared and maintained by either the Building Inspection Department of the City of Janesville or the Rock County Planning and Development Agency for the Town of Rock. The map shall show the locations of all assigned numbers at a scale not less than one inch equals 1,000 feet. Copies of the map shall be furnished to the Sheriff's Department, the Rock County Traffic Committee, the Town Clerk of the Town of Rock, all local fire departments, and to any other department or organization providing emergency services within the municipal limits of the Town of Rock. On an ongoing basis, all new building numbers shall be placed on the map with copies provided to the persons and organizations listed above.
- C. When a building permit is issued for any new residential or any new business location or when a parcel of land has been created by a Certified Survey Map or plat map, a number shall be assigned to that location by either the Building Inspection Department of the City of Janesville or the Rock County Planning and Development Agency. At the end of each month the administrator of the numbering system shall prepare a list of new numbers assigned during the month and shall furnish a copy of the list to those responsible for emergency services and to the Town Clerk of the Town of Rock.
- D. The Town Board of the Town of Rock expressly reserves the authority to make reasonable rules to insure an orderly and speedy implementation of the rural numbering system established by this ordinance.

Section III. Building Numbering Signs:

- A. General. For all buildings and other important locations within the municipal limits of the Town of Rock, a building numbering sign shall be installed on a post and shall consist of the necessary numbers, frame, back plate, post, and connecting bolts. The sign shall be installed so that the frame is parallel to the roadway fronting the property, not less than three (3) feet from the top of the back slope of the ditch line of the road's right-of-way and not less than nine (9) feet and not more than eleven (11) feet from the driveway serving the building and/or property. Notwithstanding the above, in no event shall a sign be installed along a "local road" at a location less than 35 feet or more than 45 feet from the center of the roadway fronting the property, along a "collector road" at a location less than 40 feet or more than 50 feet from the center of the roadway fronting the property, and along an "arterial road" at a location less than 50 feet or more than 60 feet from the center of the roadway fronting the property. For purposes of this ordinance, U.S. Highways 51 and 351 and S.T.H. 11

shall be classified as "arterial roads", Avalon Road, County Trunk G, County Trunk D, Townline Road, Plymouth Church Road and Rockport Road shall be classified as "collector roads", and all other roadways shall be classified as "local roads". The sign shall be installed to be not less than four (4) feet from ground level and not more than five (5) feet from ground level. The building numbering sign shall be installed in clear view from the roadway and not obstructed by vegetation of any kind. Buildings which are located on dead-end roads shall erect their numbering signs at the intersection of the dead-end road and another public road unless more than one building is served by the dead-end road. Multi-family dwellings and industrial or business complexes shall be assigned a single address number which shall be erected as specified for all individual building numbering signs. A second numbering sign may be erected on the building. Such second numbering sign shall be placed in a conspicuous and appropriate place on that side of the building that fronts on the road that serves that building.

B. Specifications.

1. Numbers shall be reflectorized individual digits manufactured of acrylic plastic on a red background with white numbers. Numbers shall not be less than four inches in height with an average brush stroke width of $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
2. Sign frames shall be manufactured of an aluminum alloy with weep holes to accommodate two attachment bolts. Frames shall be large enough to provide ample placement of numbers ranging from two-to-four digits.
3. Back plates shall be at least 12 inches in width and 6 inches in height with an average thickness of .080 inches.
4. Sign posts shall be 7 foot steel channel posts, with an average weight of 1.12 pounds per lineal foot. A minimum of 30 holes shall be contained on each post with diameters of $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches beginning on center at one inch from the top of the post.
5. Attachment bolts shall consist of two $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter two inch threaded bolts and two $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ inch diameter hex nuts.

- C. Restrictions.** All property owners within the municipal limits of the Town of Rock, Rock County, Wisconsin shall comply with the requirements and specifications of this ordinance by erecting the required building number signs on their property(ies) within six (6) months of the adoption of this ordinance by the Town Board of the Town of Rock. Each principal building and/or property shall bear the number assigned by the Building Inspection

Department of the City of Janesville or the Rock County Planning and Development Agency to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. The building inspector for the Town of Rock shall issue to any property owner in the Town of Rock, upon request, the address sign materials designated by this ordinance for each existing principal building and other important locations designated by the Town Board of the Town of Rock. The building inspector shall issue only address sign materials containing the number assigned to such building or location under the provisions of this ordinance. The address sign materials issued within six months of the adoption of this ordinance for all buildings in existence as of the date of the adoption of this ordinance and for all other important locations designated by the Town Board shall be issued free of charge to the property owners. All address sign materials distributed for any other purpose or following the expiration of six months from the date of adoption of this ordinance shall be distributed only upon the building inspector's prior receipt of the required fee for such address sign materials, which fee shall be set from time to time by the Town Board of the Town of Rock. The initial fee for such address sign materials shall be \$ 10.00, which fee shall continue in effect until changed by written resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Rock.

Section IV. Damage to Signs:

- A. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance to wilfully damage or destroy any sign erected or maintained under the provisions of this ordinance. Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter prescribed.
- B. Any person who damages or destroys an address sign by accident shall be required to immediately report this incident to the building inspector of the Town of Rock. Wilful failure to report accidental damage or destruction shall constitute a direct violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter prescribed.
- C. Property owners shall be responsible for the cost of all address sign materials required for replacement of damaged or destroyed signs and shall be responsible for replacement of all such signs on their property.

Section V. Violations: Any person, firm or corporation who fails to comply with, or violates, the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section VI. Effect on Other Ordinances:

- A. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or repealed, the constitutionality or validity of the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.
- B. Provisions of other ordinances of the Town of Rock inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded.
- C. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the Town Board of the Town of Rock and publication as required by law.

Dated at Afton, Wisconsin, this 4 day of June, 1990.

Town Board of the Town of Rock

BY: Richard M. O'Leary
Richard M. O'Leary, Town Chairman

BY: Ronald J. Combs
Ronald J. Combs, Town Supervisor

BY: James Connell
James Connell, Town Supervisor

Attest:

Virginia Skelly
Virginia Skelly, Town Clerk